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THE NUMAN HAIDER JIHAD ATTACK

A POLICEMAN who fired a single fatal shot at terrorist Numan Haider to save his partner from the crazed teenager's savage knife attack says he will never forget it.

"The brutality of the attack on my partner, those few seconds, will never leave me," the Victoria Police officer, known only as Officer A, says.

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"Numan is frenzied in the way he's laying into my partner — it's the most brutal thing I've ever seen.

"It's a crystal-clear decision for me that today is a gun day."

Chilling details of the encounter outside Endeavour Hills Police Station on September 23, 2014, are revealed in an interview with the Police Association Victoria's *Journal*, provided in advance to the *Herald Sun*.

Officer A, and an Australian Federal Police agent, Officer B, met Haider, 18, outside the police station.

Asked to turn out his pockets, the teen caught the duo by surprise.

He lunged at Officer A with a knife. "I can see the silver glint of the knife coming out of my forearm," Officer A tells the *Journal*.

"As quick as a flash, he's thrust it at me again. All I can do is throw my left hand on to the knife."

Haider then turned on Officer B.

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